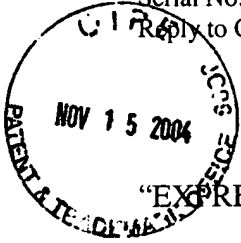


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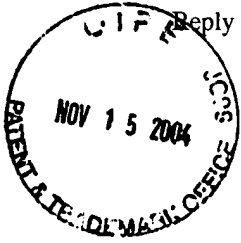

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2004, Applicant elects claims 1-17 drawn to a cover assembly. Additionally, the Examiner has made a species requirement. Accordingly, Applicant elects Species A directed towards Figures 1-2, 8 and 9. It is respectfully submitted, however, that at least claim 1 currently covers not only Species A but all the other species identified by the Examiner.

If the Examiner has any questions, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (248) 647-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

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